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SUBJECT: ILO: CONFERENCE WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE

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1. QUIET POSTURE OF GROUP OF 77 (REFTEL) TURNED OUT TO BE LULL BEFORE STORM OF IMPASSIONED INTERVENTIONS BY PINEDA (VENEZUELA), BELAZOUG (ALGERIA) AND LOMBERA (MEXICO). PROPOSALS HAVE NOT TAKEN DEFINITE FORM AND USDEL DOES NOT NOW INTEND TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS; US POSITION, ESPECIALLY OUR OPPOSITION TO CHANGES IN ARTICLE 7 AND 36, WILL BE STATED AT FINAL SESSION OF W.P. ON JAN 20.

2. DISCUSSION IN PLENARY AND "INFORMAL DISCUSSION GROUP" OF APPOINTMENT OF DG AND ARTICLE 7 BEYOND OUR INSTRUCTIONS. IN ORDER ENCOURAGE 77 AND EUROPEANS TO CLARIFY POSITIONS, USDEL HAS BEEN SKEPTICAL, AVOIDING CONFRONTATION AND RESERVING FROM US POSITION FOR POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT MEETING WP AND CONFERENCE. DISCUSSION QUIET UNTIL THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MEETING OF INFORMAL DISCUSSION GROUP, WHEN PINEDA, BELAZOUG, AZIMI (IRAN) AND YENUS (PAKISTAN) UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED.
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TED TO JOIN DISCUSSION OF ARTICLES 7 AND 36. AGO (ITALY) PROPOSAL

TO ADD 4 NON-ELECTIVE SEATS TO G.B. WAS REJECTED, ALONG WITH SOVIET PROPOSAL TO REDUCE NON-ELECTIVE SEATS TO TWO AND RESTRUCTURE GB ALONG REGIONAL LINES. BOTH PROPOSALS FOUNDERED ON IMPRACTICALITIES OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATION. NOTEWORTHY WAS OPPOSITION TO EXPANSION OF TOTAL NUMBER OF SEATS ON GB BY WORKERS GROUP (MORRIS AND SEIDMAN). EMPLOYERS (BERGENSTROM), CANADA AND US; THESE REPS WANTED TO CONSIDER CHANGES IN DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTED SEATS.

3. INFORMAL DISCUSSION GROUP CLOSE TO AGREEMENT THAT DG COULD BE APPOINTED BY GB AND CONFIRMED BY CONFERENCE. GROUP AGREED THIS WOULD REQUIRE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. USDEL HAS RESERVED POSITION.

4. DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 36 TO TAKE PLACE TODAY. ABRAMS

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